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| PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) | | Attorney Docket No.: 74577-036 | |
| Applicants: | Laederich et al. | Conf. No.: | 9285 |
| Application No.: | 09/891,183 | Group No.: | 3628 |
| Filing Date.: | June 25, 2001 | Examiner: | Apple, Kirsten Schwitz |
| Title: | RISK STRIPPING SYSTEM AND METHOD | | |

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) | \$ _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$ 1050.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) | \$ _____ |

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one half, and the resulting fee is: \$ _____

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 16-2500.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | applicant/inventor. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96). |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | attorney or agent of record. Registration Number <u>51,729</u> . |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 _____. |

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